THE RESOLUTION OF THE States General OF THE *UNITED PROVINCES*,

Upon the Mournful Occasion of the Death of His Late Majesty of *Great Britain*, *WILLIAM* the Third, of Glorious Memory.

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THE States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* appearing in a Body in the Assembly of the States-General, as mentioned under High and Mighty Landtdag. That having with the deepest Affliction and Sorrow of Soul received the Mournful and Unhappy News of the Death of His Majesty of *Great Britain*, of most Glorious Memory, they immediately reflected on the very great Loss which has thereby happened to all the States of the United Provinces, but particularly to their Province in the Assembly of the Landtdag; being deprived of that Support and that Head by which the Members of this Province and the Union of the respective Confederated Provinces, had been link'd and held fast together. That the States had both their chief Heads, as well by Sea as by Land, who had, (Blessed be the Grace and Blessing of God) so often defeated them against their Enemies, with the hazard of his own Life and Estate. That we were all deprived of that great Conduct and Dexterity, as also of that most Wise and Prudent Counsel, by means whereof not only by many Treaties and Contracts had so entirely been Allied with this State, but even the allies themselves were knit together as in one Body, and had hitherto by maintaining and preserving the Interest of the Common Confederacy. Since the Lords States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* are so highly sensible of this Misfortune and

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and the Consequences thereof, that they have been almost in despair of being able to make sufficient Provision against them; But since this Stroke comes from Almighty God, and the same Hand that hath wounded us can heal us again, they have thereupon in expectation of God's Blessing, resolved to do, and put in execution, every thing that is in their Power, for the Preventing these Evils, and to make use of all those Means, which God has put into their Hands for that purpose; That in so Weighty a Matter they could think of nothing more Powerful and Effectual, than that the States of the respective Provinces, and the Members of each of them, should joyn Hands together, and cultivate one with another a perfect Unity, Love, and Mutual Confidence, and by that Means keep firm together the Band whereby these Provinces are united, and maintain in this Dangerous Conjuncture the Concerns of this State in a good and strict Correspondence, and a Reciprocal Harmony both at Home and Abroad for the Common Wellfare; That furthermore it was extremely necessary, that the Consternation which the said fatal and most unhappy Accident has already so justly, and with so much Reason caused, and may still occasion, as well in this State in general, as in the several Provinces thereof in particular, as likewise among all the Allies, should be removed with all the expedition possible, so that the heavy Consequences which might otherwise result therefrom, may be prevented; That for that end, in their Judgment, nothing better can be thought on, than that the Confederate Provinces one with another, and their respective Members together, should give a solemn Assurance of their constant and immutable Intention and Resolution to stand by this State and their Allies, with all their Power, and cordially to embrace the Common Cause together with the Confederate Provinces and the said Allies, with the utmost Zeal, Firmness and Heartiness, and that the like Declaration and Assurance should be given to the said Allies of this State; That they had begun to do so among themselves, and that all the Members of their Assembly had, with one Consent, declared to be their unalterable Intention to cultivate both among themselves as Members of this Assembly, and [illegible] the Several Provinces all Unity, Love, and Mutual Confidence, and by a Reciprocal good and strict Correspondence to Maintain the Concerns of this State, and the Provinces thereof, for the Publick Wellfare and Preservation; and furthermore to embrace the Common Cause, together with the Confederate Provinces, and the Allies of this State, with the utmost Zeal, Firmness, and Heartiness.

That the States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland* having received their High and Mighty Lordships Letter of the 23d Instant, whereby they notifie the said Mournful and Unhappy Accident, and having taken into Consideration what they desired of them, namely, that they would declare to take and form such Provisional Resolutions, touching matters Publick as in so very weighty a Conjuncture they should judge necessary for the Service, Preservation and Welfare of this State, and send them unto this Assembly at Specdily as may be, to be here opened. The above-said States found themselves under an Obligation, humbly to thank their High and Mighty Lordships for the said, and the more, because by that means an Opportunity and Convenience was given them of making this present Proposal within this Place; That they judged the Matter to be of so much weight, that it was their Duty to appear in this Assembly in a full Body; and that they were therefore come in that manner, in the first place to testifie to their High and Mighty Lordships, the very great Sorrow and Affliction they were in, by reason of the aforesaid Misfortune; and well knowing the Loss which this whole State suffers, to Condole with their High and Mighty Lordships for the same, and to shew how much they partake therein; That considering the ill Consequences which may proceed from thence, and the Remedies which are fit to be applied, they had thought good, pursuant to what they had judged expedient among their own selves, in the sincerity of their Hearts, solemnly to declare to their High and Mighty Lordships, that as yet they cannot see how this State can be saved in this dangerous Conjuncture, or the Common Cause supported with the Allies, unless the said Reciprocal Love, Unity and Harmony between the respective Provinces be laid, as the general Basis and Fundation of all, and that the Union thereof be inviolably preserved; That on these Grounds cordial and vigorous Resolutions be taken for the Defence of their Country, and the Support of the Allies of this State, and that these Resolutions be executed with Firmness and Zeal, and the necessary Supplies provided, and that a full Assurance thereof be given to the said Allies; That how troublesome and difficult soever the Times may be, the said States have this Confidence, that proceeding in this manner, we shall yet, with God Almighty's Blessing, be able to continue in Safety, and with the assistance of the Allies of this State, to prevent and divert all the wicked Contrivances and Attempts of our Enemies, against Us and our Allies; That the said States did therefore come hither to this End, to give their High and Mighty Lordships an Absolute and full Assurance, that they were firmly and unalterable Resolved to cultivate such a mutual Love, Unity and Harmony, as is before-mention'd with their High and Mighty Lordships and the States of the several Provinces, and Promise inviolably to maintain the common Union, and laying aside, as much as is possible, all particular Passions and private Ends, on these Grounds to assist them in taking such cordial Resolutions as shall be requisite for the carrying on the common Defence, the Preservation of their Liberties, and the Countenance of the exercise of the True Reformed Religion, and likewise the perfect Observance of the Alliances and Engagements made with Foreign Kings, Princes and Potentates; and that they are ready to put these things in execution, and to pursue the Measures already taken, to contribute all that lies in their Power, to find the necessary Supplies, even tho' former ones are now given, and to do every thing that can be expected from Honourable, Good and Hearty Rulers and Confederates, and that they will rather Sacrifice their Blood and Treasure, and all they have, than for their Countries wrack, their Liberty and Religion destroyed; That the said States do expectly and seriously desire, That their High and Mighty Lordships to attain so good and wholesom an End, as

beforementioned, will give like Assurances and make like Protestations among themselves, and will inspire the States of the other Provinces to give the like to one another, and to make known the same here in this Assembly, for the Satisfaction of every one in particular.

That their High and Mighty Lordships will Zealously Recommend to the States of the respective Provinces, to amend the Defects that are arisen from the very Constitution of the Republick, which were partly remedied by the Credit, Authority and Exhortations of His said Majesty; and then to endeavour the preventing of all Delays in their Debates, and in their coming to the necessary Resolutions, and Conclusions, all tediousness in obtaining the Consent of the Particular Provinces and Cities, and in finding out the necessary Methods for Raising Money, and above all the great Defect in bringing into the General Treasury the Supplies that are granted.

That Moreover, to prevent all Fainedness which the said most unseasonable Death might occasion among the Allies of the State, Notice may be given them of the sincere and true intention of their H. and M. Lordships to observe Religiously the Alliances made with them, to follow steadily the Contents of the same, and to endeavour with the utmost Vigour and Heartiness to put them in Execution, and that they will persevere in the Measures already taken with them, and are ready to Concert with them such Measures as are yet to be taken, desiring them earnestly, that according to the Example of their H. and M. Lordships, they will take into their Consideration the present Conjuncture, and redouble their Endeavours to prevent in this Hearty and Vigorous Manner all Misfortunes that are feared from the said mournful Accident; and finally, that the Dangers to which all *Europe* is exposed, may be represented to such Princes and Potentates who are not yet, or not wholly and entirely engaged with their H. and M. Lordships, and that they may be invited into farther Engagements to prevent the same; That for the Purposes aforesaid, Endeavours may be used by the Ministers of this State who are abroad, at the Courts where they reside, and by their High and Mighty Lordships with the Ministers of Foreign Princes and Potentates who are here at the *Hague*.

That the said States of *Holland* and *Westfriesland* cannot doubt, but, in case their High and Mighty Lordships, the States of the respective Provinces, come to Manage the Affairs and Government of this Country with this Affection, Unity and Fidelity, and that the Endeavours beforementioned, be used, God Almighty will Bless with all desirable Safety and Prosperity such Councils and Resolutions and the Execution thereof, as well on the part of this State as of the Allies, and that they are ready with the other Provinces to consider, about taking the first fit time and opportunity to beg the same of Almighty God in a Publick and Solemn Manner.

Which being debated, their High and Mighty Lordships, and the Deputies of the respective Provinces, each in particular heartily thanked the States of *Holland* and *Westfriesland* for their Compliment of Condolesance, for the Inestimable Loss which this State suffers by the Deplorable Death of His Majesty of *Great-Britain*, of most Glorious Memory; and particularly for the resolute, hearty, and laudable Declaration of their Intentions, not only to assist in managing the Affairs of their Province in particular, but also those of the whole *United Provinces*, at home and abroad, with Love, Unity, and the greatest Fidelity, to help to maintain, and execute the Treaties made with the Allies, and to stand firmly by the Measures already taken. And their High and Mighty Lordships have moreover declared, That in this perplext Posture of Affairs, into which they are brought by the Death of His said Majesty, nothing could be more comfortable and acceptable to their High and Mighty Lordships than this hearty Assurance, which the aboveſaid States have been pleased to give in so full a Body, and solemn a manner; That their High and Mighty Lordships are of the same Opinion, and do wholly agree with the said States; That in this dangerous Conjuncture, the State cannot be freed and saved, nor the Common Cause with the Allies be supported and maintained, unless the reciprocal Love, Unity and Harmony between the respective Members of this State and an inviolable Observation of their Union, be laid to the Basis and Foundation of all; and that upon these grounds, hearty and vigorous Resolutions be taken for the Defence of their Country, and the Support of their Allies; That these Resolutions be put in execution with Firmness and Zeal, the necessary Supplies raised, and a full Assurance thereof given to the Allies; That their High and Mightinesses are resolved, as much as in them lies, to direct their Debates by these Maxims, and with the utmost Zeal and Application to contribute all that is in their Power, to the Preservation of this State in its Liberty and Religion, the dearest Pledges a Man can have here upon Earth; To maintain and put in execution the Alliances and Engagements with the Confederates, and to follow with Constancy the Measures already taken; That their High and Mighty Lordships do not doubt but the States of the respective Provinces will agree with them herein, and will be ready to make a like solemn and hearty Declaration, as is already begun by the States of *Utrecht*; and to this purpose 'tis thought fit, That they shall be invited thereto by Letter; so that they may thereby give full Satisfaction to each other, and to the People, and may, by all means, the better show and make appear their Union, Unanimity, and firm Resolution to stand by each other with their Lives and Fortunes, and to endeavour, in Expectation of GOD's Grace and Blessing, to help, with Love, Harmony, and Fidelity, to deliver and save the Common Cause from the present Danger; That the said States shall also be earnestly desired to amend, as much as may be, the Defects which have crept into the Government from its Constitution, and particularly to prevent all Delays in the Debates, and in the taking of the necessary Resolutions, all Tediousness in obtaining the Consent of the particular Provinces and Cities, and in the providing of the necessary Supplies for executing the same; and above all things to remedy the great Defect in bringing

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into the general Treasury the Supplies that are granted, and in all respects to supply as much as is possible by their Affection and Zeal for their Country the Loss which this State has sustained of the Direction, Credit, and Authority of His said Majesty; and the Deputies of the respective Provinces have undertaken to second these Resolutions with all their Power, each in the Province from which he is deputed.

Moreover, it is found and judged convenient to declare herewith, That their High and Mighty Lordships intend, and are resolved, to maintain Religiously the Treaties and Engagements entred into with their Allies, steddily to pursue the Contents thereof, and to execute them heartily and vigorously, and to persevere in the Measures already taken with the Allies of this State; and that they are also willing and ready to concert with them such farther Measures as shall be expedient; That Notice shall be given to the said Allies of this their High and Mighty Lordships Sincere and True Meaning and Intention, intreating them earnestly, to reflect seriously upon the present dangerous Juncture, and each to redouble their Efforts, to prevent in a hearty and vigorous manner all ill Consequences that may be feared from the Mournful Accident of His said Majesty's Death; That likewise the Misfortunes to which all Europe is now more than ever exposed shall be represented to the Princes and Potentates who are not yet, or not wholly and fully engaged with this State, and they shall be invited to enter into stricter Engagements, that we may jointly obviate and prevent the same; That for the Purposes aforesaid, Endeavours shall be used by the Ministers of this State who are abroad, each at the Court where he resides; That to this end Extracts of this their High and Mighty Lordships Resolution shall be sent them, with Orders and Directions, That each of them do declare this their High and Mighty Lordships Intentions to the Court where he resides, or where he thinks it can be of use; That like Endeavours shall be used with the Ministers of Foreign Princes and Potentates, who are here at the Hague, and the Hon. Pens. Essen, and the other Deputies of their High and Mighty Lordships for Foreign Affairs, are hereby commissioned and desired to take this Care upon them.

That finally it shall be further considered, what time and opportunity will be most fit, to implore the Blessing of Almighty God upon the Consultations of this State, tending to the Preservation of their Country and Church.

It agrees with the said Register.

Why do General Ingoldsby get mentioned, That's true not one word more else. I tell it, But K. Will'm the Lotte How they do Hoppy from Q. Anne. 2 Chaz. Say 'em once.

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